## **DIGEST**

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Burford HB No. 865

**Abstract:** Requires that the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) offer the next available slot for disability waiver services to members of the military and their family when the member of the military is on an active duty military assignment outside of La.; provided that such persons are otherwise qualified for disability waiver services and resume residence in La. upon completion of the out-of-state military assignment.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that active duty members of the military and their immediate family who have qualified for and received disability waiver benefits and who have been temporarily moved out of state on assignment by the military shall be eligible to receive the next available slot for waiver services from DHH upon the resumption of their residence in Louisiana after such assignment.

<u>Proposed law</u> states in order to qualify for the next available slot for waiver services, the person must meet both of the following requirements:

- (1) The person must be an active duty member of the armed services, a spouse of a member of the armed services, a child of a member, or someone over whom the member of the armed services has guardianship.
- (2) The member of the armed services must have resumed his residence in La. once the assignment is complete.

<u>Proposed law</u> states that the provisions of <u>proposed law</u> are subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

<u>Proposed law</u> gives DHH the authority to promulgate rules according to the Administrative Procedure Act that are necessary to implement the provisions of <u>proposed law</u>.

(Adds R.S. 28:827)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

1. Made technical corrections.

2.	Provided that the persons specified shall be eligible to receive the next available slot for waiver services upon the resumption of residence in La. after a temporary armed forces assignment instead of being eligible to continue receiving waiver services in La. while on such assignment.